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#### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (previously presented) A feminine hygiene garment comprising:

- A) a liquid impervious backsheet;
- B) a liquid pervious, hydrophilic topsheet joined to said backsheet, said topsheet having an inner surface oriented toward the interior of said article and an outer surface oriented toward the skin of the wearer when said article is being worn, wherein at least a portion of said topsheet outer surface comprises an effective amount of a lotion coating which is semi-solid or solid at 20°C and which is partially transferable to the wearer's skin; said lotion coating comprising:
  - (i) from about 10 to about 95% of a substantially water free emollient having a plastic or fluid consistency at 20°C and comprising a member selected from the group consisting of petroleum-based emollients, fatty acid ester emollients, alkyl ethoxylate emollients, and mixtures thereof;
  - (ii) from about 5 to about 90% of one or more agents capable of immobilizing said emollient on said outer surface of the topsheet, said one or more immobilizing agents having a melting point of at least about 35°C; and
- C) an absorbent core positioned between said topsheet and said backsheet;

wherein the lotion is applied to the liquid pervious topsheet nonuniformly.

Claim 2. (previously presented) The feminine hygiene garment of Claim 1 wherein the nonuniform manner is comprised of applying said lotion to the outer surface of the liquid pervious topsheet such that regions of the topsheet's outer surface are not coated with lotion.

Claim 3. (canceled)

Claim 4. (canceled)

Claim 5. (canceled)

Claim 6. (canceled)

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Claim 7. (canceled)

Claim 8. (previously presented) The feminine hygiene garment of Claim 1 wherein the nonuniform manner is comprised of applying said lotion to the topsheet in the form of a plurality of stripes that are separated by a plurality of stripes having no lotion.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10. (previously presented) The feminine hygiene garment of Claim 1 wherein said emollient is petrolatum.

Claim 11. (previously presented) The feminine hygiene garment of Claim 1 wherein said emollient is mineral oil.

Claims 12-27. (canceled)

Claim 28 (previously presented) The feminine hygiene garment of Claim 1 wherein the non-uniform manner comprises different amounts of said lotion at different locations of said topsheet.

Claim 29 (previously presented) The feminine hygiene garment of Claim 1 wherein the non-uniform pattern comprises macroscopic regions where no lotion is applied.

Claim 30 (previously presented) The feminine hygiene garment of Claim 1 wherein the non-uniform pattern comprises microscopic regions where no lotion is applied.

Claim 31 (previously presented) The feminine hygiene garment of Claim 1 wherein the non-uniform pattern is selected from the group comprising stripes, droplets, dots, or mixtures thereof.